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Note verbale dated 14 February 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006) and with reference to paragraph 18 of Security Council resolution 1737 (2006) has the honour to communicate the following:

The Republic of Bulgaria welcomed the unanimous adoption of resolution 1737 (2006) of the United Nations Security Council on 23 December 2006 and has undertaken specific measures for its full and effective implementation.

Shortly after the adoption of resolution 1737 (2006), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria informed the Bulgarian authorities, competent for its implementation, on the restrictive measures imposed on Iran and instructed the fulfilment of the above stated measures pending the adoption of the appropriate legal regulation. Meanwhile a procedure for preparation and adoption of such a regulation, which will implement the provisions of the resolution in the national legal space of the country, is under way. The regulation (an Ordinance) will be adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria and will fully encompass the restrictive measures imposed on Iran by the United Nations Security Council.

The Ordinance stipulates prohibition of export to Iran of specific items, goods, materials, equipment and technology covered by the lists of documents S/2006/814 and S/2006/815, which could contribute to Iran's enrichment related, reprocessing or heavy water-related activities, or to the development of nuclear weapon delivery systems, as well as other goods, equipment and technology, determined by the Security Council or the Committee under paragraph 18. In compliance with paragraph 4, prohibited shall be the export also of items, with regard to which the competent Bulgarian authority determines that they would contribute to the development of prohibited nuclear activities in Iran.

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The provision to Iran of any technical assistance or training, financial assistance and transfer of financial resources, investment, brokering or other services related to the above stated goods and technology shall be prohibited.

The procurement from Iran of such items, equipment and technology by Bulgarian nationals, or using vessels or aircraft under the Bulgarian flag, and whether or not originating in the territory of Iran, shall be prohibited.

The funds, finance assets and economic resources which are owned or controlled by the persons and entities designated in the annex to the resolution, as well as those of additional persons or entities designated by the Security Council or by the Committee as being engaged in prohibited nuclear activities shall be frozen.

The competent authorities are called upon to exercise vigilance regarding the entry into or transit through the Bulgarian territory of individuals who are engaged in Iranian nuclear activities and an obligation for notification to the Committee under paragraph 18 for any such case is introduced. It is specifically stipulated that in the implementation of that provision the competent authorities shall take into account existing humanitarian considerations as well as the necessity to meet the objectives of the resolution, including where Article XV of the IAEA Statute is engaged.

The competent authorities are called upon to exercise vigilance through the elaboration of practical measures to prevent specialised teaching and training of Iranian nationals within Bulgarian territory or by Bulgarian nationals, of disciplines which would contribute to the nuclear activities of Iran.

We would like to draw attention that Iran is included in the national list of states and organizations, with regard to which a prohibition or limitations over the sales and purchase of arms and the equipment related to them has already been applied in conformity with the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and decisions of the European Union and the OSCE. Iran was included in the above stated list of prohibitions on the ground of the European Union Declaration on Iran dated 19 April 1997. In the last month in its capacity of European Union Member State our country participated in the discussions on elaboration of the European Union common position, based on the criteria of resolution 1737 (2006) and the Conclusions of the General Affairs and External Policy Council of the European Union of 22 January 2007.

It is anticipated that the Ordinance will be adopted and will enter into force by the end of February, which will be communicated to the Committee.

The above stated information is in fulfilment of the obligation of our country as a Member of the United Nations under paragraph 18 of resolution 1737 (2006) to report to the Committee under paragraph 18 within 60 days of its adoption on the steps undertaken with a view to implementing the resolution. The 60 days time frame expires on 20 February 2007.